

REMARKS

Claims pending in the instant application are numbered 37-69. Claims 37-69 presently stand rejected. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Provisional Double Patenting

Claims 37, 48, 52, 55, 60 and 65 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1, 18, 27, 31 and 33 of co-pending application serial no. 09/792,226.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for making the Applicant aware of the potential double patenting issue while prosecution continues in both pending applications.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 37-43 and 45-69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Subramaniam, U.S. 6,081,900, in view of Farah, "Encrypted Hypertext Transfer Protocol – UGGC/1.0", April 2000, Network Working Group. Claim 44 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Subramaniam, in view of Farah, and further in view of Gampper, U.S. 6,502,106.

Claim 37 as presently amended expressly recites:

"receiving from a terminal a first request including a composite address, the composite address including an unencrypted address of a secure server with an encrypted

address of a web page concatenated thereto, wherein the terminal encrypted an unencrypted address of the web page provided to the terminal” (emphasis added).

The Examiner’s attention is also directed to at least page 11, lines 5-19, of the Applicant’s specification as originally filed.

On page 4 of the instant Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Subramaniam does not teach encrypting the requested web page address. The Examiner cites Farah as disclosing this claim limitation.

The Applicant respectfully submits that Farah teaches away from “wherein the terminal encrypted an unencrypted address of the web page provided to the terminal” as expressly claimed by the Applicant.

In Farah, the user inputs a URL into the client. The user entered URL may have total, partial, or null encryption. In paragraph 2.3 (page 1), Farah discloses that:

the WWW client determines what site it has to make the request to, and then sends the UGC request in the same manner as an HTTP one. The client is not expected to determine whether[sic] the user entered the rest of the URL with total, partial or null encryption, and MUST NOT alter it (emphasis in original).

Thus, in Farah, the URL of the requested web page must not be encrypted by the client. Any encryption of the URL is entered by the user. Therefore, Farah teaches away from “wherein the terminal encrypted an unencrypted address of the web page provided to the terminal” as expressly claimed by the Applicant.

Thus, Subramaniam and Farah, whether taken singularly or in combination, fail to disclose, teach, or fairly suggest at least one of the expressly recited limitations of claim 37. Accordingly, claim 37 is not rendered obvious by the cited references. Independent claims 48, 52, 55, 60 and 65 distinguish for at least the same reasons as claim 37. Claims 38-47, 49-51, 53-54, 56-59, 61-64 and 66-69 are dependent claims and distinguish for at least the same reasons as their independent base claims in addition to adding further limitations of their own. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the instant § 103 rejections be withdrawn.

New claims 70-72

New claims 70-72 have been added. The Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 70-72 are patentable over the cited references.

Conclusion

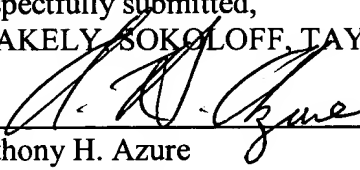
The Applicant submits that in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,
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